

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 11-26 are pending in this application. Claims 12-15 and 19-21 are withdrawn as directed to a nonelected species and claims 1, 11, 16-18 and 22-26 were examined in the November 27, 2007 Office Action. Claim 1 was rejected and claims 11, 16-18 and 22-26 were objected to in that Office Action as depending on rejected claim 1.

B. Power of Attorney

Included herewith is an executed forms PTO/SB/82 - Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address, and PTO/SB/96 - Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), authorizing the USPTO to direct all correspondence in this application to Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP.

C. Double Patenting

Claim 1 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,750,009. In response, Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c-d). Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer and the above discussion, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections, passage of the examined claims 1, 11, 16-18 and 22-26 to allowance, and examination of withdrawn claims 11-15 and 19-21, which all depend from claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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